

Import of Chicken Legs

†1725. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of chicken legs imported during the last three months and the revenue earned thereby in the form of customs duty;

(b) the reason for the import of chicken legs and the places where these legs are likely to be consumed and the reasons under which US have exported the same; and

(c) the reasons for not importing the same after meeting the domestic demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There has been no import of Chicken legs during April-June 2001.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export Oriented Oil Refinery at Kakinada Port

1726. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an export oriented unit of oil refinery at Kakinada Port by the Petro Energy Products Company Ltd. at a revised cost of Rs. 2652 crores;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project was originally approved in June, 1994 at a cost of Rs. 500 crores only; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay resulting in more than five fold escalation in its cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Government does not propose to set up an oil refinery export oriented unit. However, M/s Petro Energy Products Company Limited was granted LOI in June, 1994 to set up an oil refinery unit under the EOU Scheme at Karaikal in the Union Territory of Pondicherry with an investment of Rs 500.25 crores. The company was granted extension of the validity of the approval from time to time and the last extension

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